

In the context of Human Development Index, discuss the various parameters that are required to measure the true human progress in the country?

Introduction:

GDP - Gross domestic product accounts for our economic growth and development, likewise Human Development Index should <sup>be included</sup> with various parameters, which could assess the standard of living of people in our country. Around 800 million population in India earn around Rs. 7500/month accounting for Rs. 70/day, and the situation of least 10% of population is still worse and hence human development index should be added with various parameters, which could assess the progress in our country.

Human Development Index:

Various parameters, which could assess the progress in our country

1) Female Labour Force Participation Rate.

It is around 33%, which is deliberately low. The more the women are employed, the more it adds to our economic prosperity. Women are mostly employed in household activities as unpaid labourers, this should be changed & more and more women should be employed.

2. Gender Income parity.

"Equal Pay for Equal work"

There is no justice in employing women when we fail to pay equal wages.

Barack Obama once said, "If you want to see how a country is go and see how it treats its women"

3. Stunting.

This could assess the nutritional status of our children. It is around 35%, stunting reflects chronic malnutrition. Via this indicator, we could assess the health status of our people.

4. Water quality and availability.

The key 10% of water could be assessed and we will come to know about water quality.

This would give us an aggregate water health Index.

5. Quality of Policy.

To calculate the pending criminal cases of members of state legislature and parliament.

This would help us to assess the quality of Policy.

Conclusion:

The indicators included here, reflects growth in various factors such as health, Education, Political climate, Social norms, livelihoods and environmental conditions. Improvement in all these factors would improve HDI.